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EXAMINER: E. F. MCELWAIN

FOR: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES OF A NEW CLASS OF  
DIVERGED DELTA-9 STEAROYL-ACP DESATURASE GENES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Response

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003 regarding the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof.

Remarks

Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-9 and 14-15, for further prosecution in the instant application subject to Applicants' right to pursue the nonelected subject matter in a divisional application or applications pursuant to 35 USC §121.

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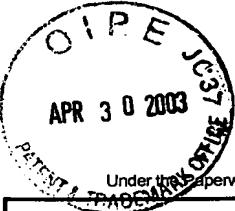
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